



Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners  
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**Legislative Analysis**

**Community Empowerment and Economic  
Revitalization Committee**

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1.	2(A)	Conveyance of 15 Infill Housing lots to the Empowerment Trust for the development of affordable housing (Sponsored by Commissioner Rolle)	<p>This resolution authorizes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The conveyance of 15 infill housing lots to the Miami-Dade Empowerment Trust approves a County Deed to convey the land and authorizes the Mayor to execute the Deed on behalf of the County.</li> <li>• Allocation of \$1,500,000 Documentary Surtax dollars to the Empowerment Trust to be used over a two (2) year period.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staff is currently compiling information regarding available Surtax funds and uses.</b></li> </ul>	BM
2.	2(B)	Loan Program for Home Rehabilitation Loans to Low Income Elderly and Disabled Residents in District 11 (Sponsored by Chairman Joe Martinez)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This resolution directs the County Manager, within 60 days, to develop a home loan program, by identifying \$4 million in HOME or SHIP funds, to provide loans to low income elderly and disabled residents from District 11. <i>These loans may only be used for the purpose of rehabilitating the primary residence.</i></li> <li>• The income eligibility criteria for these loans shall be the same as the guidelines set forth in the HOME and SHIP programs.</li> <li>• Maximum loan amount will be \$40,000 per homeowner; loans shall be deferred and interest free for a period of 10 years, after that period the loan will be forgiven. <u>If the home is sold prior to the 10 year period then the loan becomes due and payable.</u></li> </ul>		BM
3.	2(C)	Monitoring of Businesses Funded as Part of the Mom and Pop Grant Program (Sponsored by Sen. Javier Souto)	<p>This item directs the County Manager to create and implement a method to audit and monitor businesses funded to date by the Mom and Pop grant program.</p> <p>The manager must report back within 60 days with said monitoring/auditing plan.</p>	<p><b>Mom and Pop grants are awarded to small businesses in all 13 Commission districts. While grant amounts vary among businesses and commission districts, the maximum grant to any business is \$5,000.</b></p> <p><b>More than 1,600 businesses have been funded since the program was initiated in 1999.</b></p> <p><b>Currently, OCED performs random audits on businesses who receive Mom and Pop grants. OCED normally chooses 6 recipients from each district to audit. The most recent audit</b></p>	JTS



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				<p>was conducted for the FY 2004-05 grant award year.</p> <p>The Office of the Commission Auditor will review the most recent audit of the Mom and Pop Grants program and will report on its finding when this item goes before the Board of County Commissioners.</p>	
4.	2(D)	Emergency Affordable Housing Preservation Fund for District 5 (Sponsored by Commissioner Barreiro)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This resolution directs the County Manager to develop an Emergency Affordable Housing Preservation Fund for District 5.</li> <li>• This Fund shall be used to acquire, rehabilitate or subsidize Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation programs in District 5.</li> <li>• No more than 5% of the Fund may be used for administrative costs/fees and no portion of the Fund may be diverted to other purposes.</li> </ul>		BM
5.	3(A)	Amending Section of the County Code Relating to Vehicles for Hire (Sponsored by Sen. Javier Souto)	<p>This ordinance makes the following amendments to Section 31-82 (Q)(5) of the Code of Miami-Dade County relating to vehicles for hire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New licenses issued in the lottery for 20-year drivers may be transferred 3 years after the date of issuance if the driver was 62-years-old at the time of issuance.</li> <li>• New licenses issued in the lottery for 25-year drivers may be transferred 3 years after the date of issuance if the driver was 62-years-old at the time of issuance.</li> </ul> <p>Currently, a driver who receives a new license in a lottery is prohibited from selling or transferring that license within the 5-year period following the issuance of the license. However, exceptions are allowed under the current Code due to death or incompetence of the for-hire</p>	<p><b>According to staff, this resolution will apply to past lottery winners who meet the requirements.</b></p> <p><b>In the most recent taxicab lottery for 20-year drivers, one (1) lottery winner was 62-years-old or older.</b></p> <p><b>In the most recent taxicab lottery for 25-year drivers, five (5) lottery winners were 62-years-old or older.</b></p> <p><b>According to staff, typically the going rate for the transfer of a taxi-cab license is \$195,000.</b></p> <p><b>The last taxi lottery drawing was conducted on December 7, 2005. On May 8, 2006, the Consumer Services Department (CSD) opened the 2006 lottery application period. CSD will</b></p>	JTS

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			license holder, including an irreversible medical condition such as loss of sight, paralysis or terminal illness.	<b>accept applications until June 26, 2006, with the drawing scheduled for September 25, 2006.</b>	
6.	3(B) 3(C) 3(D) 3(E) 3(F)	Application for Public Conveyance to the American Green Cross, Inc.	<p>These items would approve five (5) applications by American Green Cross, Inc., for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide combination wheelchair and stretcher non-emergency medical transportation service.</p> <p>Services will be provided by American Green Cross, Inc. to various medical facilities throughout Miami-Dade County, seven days a week, 24-hours a day.</p> <p>The rates will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$35 one-way for wheelchair passengers</li> <li>➤ \$70 round trip for wheelchair passengers</li> <li>➤ \$50 one-way for stretcher passengers</li> <li>➤ \$100 round trip for wheelchair passengers</li> </ul>	<p>According to Section 4-44 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the Board of County Commissioners may issue or refuse to issue a certificate, or may issue the certificate with modifications or upon conditions that the Board deems in the best interest of the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each application is for a separate non-emergency vehicle.</li> <li>• The applicant has applied for 10 certificates in total.</li> </ul>	JTS
7.	4(A)	Change Order No. 1 for South Miami Street Improvements Project Phase 11-B	<p>This is change order no. 1, for the South Miami Street Improvements Project – Phase 11-B. (settlement and closeout)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prime Contractor: MCO Environmental, Inc.</li> <li>• Sub Contractor: Melrose Nursery; J&amp;M Parking Lot Maintenance, Inc.</li> <li>• Contract Amount: \$993,254.39</li> <li>• Change Order: (increase) \$149,210.94 and time extension of 544 days.</li> <li>• Adjusted Contract Amount: \$1,142,465.33 (15% increase in contract amount)</li> <li>• Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant</li> </ul>		JTS



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8.	4(B)	South Miami CRA	<p>This resolution approves the South Miami Community Redevelopment Agency's request to enter into a Line of Credit for \$2,730,000 for a period of 15 years to fund the CRA's acquisition and development of the Madison Square Development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuant to R-466-05, the Board extended the life of the South Miami CRA until June 1, 2020, subject to the agency securing long-term funding commitments pledging Tax Increment Financing by June 1, 2007.</li> <li>• The interlocal agreement between the County and the City of South Miami requires that the City and Agency seek approval for the issuance of debt.</li> </ul>		JTS
9.	5(A)	Unsolicited Development Proposals Received From Not-for-Profit Community - based Organizations	<p>This resolution authorizes County staff to consider four (4) unsolicited proposals received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Assistance Center (BAC);</li> <li>• Operation Turnaround in Action CDC, Corp.;</li> <li>• Urgent, Inc.; and</li> <li>• Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.</li> </ul> <p>These not-for-profit organizations wish to acquire tracts of county-owned land for the purpose of developing workforce/affordable housing and "other compatible uses."</p> <p>This item would also authorize a moratorium on other unsolicited development proposals until such time that a policy is established to govern the development of County property by private interests.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 125.38, Florida Statutes, and A.O. No. 8-4 outline a process by which not-for-profit organizations can apply to for county-owned land, so long as said organization desires the property for the public interest or community welfare.</li> <li>• <b>A report on the Infill Housing Program was presented and accepted by the Board of County Commissioners on June 6, 2006. The report revealed inconsistencies in the Program's record keeping.</b></li> <li>• <b>Should the County continue to convey/sell infill lots while there are outstanding questions concerning the Infill Housing program?</b></li> </ul>	BM

